

## HEADS' LETTER

OCTOBER 28, 2004

### JUST OUR OPINION...

Next Tuesday is Election Day. Finally!!! It has been a long campaign with a lot of issues on both sides. Hopefully, we will have a clear winner, which means that only some of us will get our first choice. This is when parenting and teaching play a big role in our children's perception of what it means to be a "good winner". We can also learn how to treat others if *they* are the winners.

Our society is filled with models of how to do both in sports and politics. At the end of a sports competition the opponents shake hands and move on. At the end of a presidential debate, the opponents shake hands and move on. Of course, it feels awful to have the other side win. At the same time, this is a perfect chance to live the values of integrity, ethical behavior, and concern for the greater good.

On Tuesday, everyone will have a chance to practice "Living Above the Line" (See *IDS PRESS 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2004 Headmaster Notes*). The way in which we respond to the election results will be a model for our children for the future. Our hope for both teachers and parents is that we will use the opportunity to model the best words and actions that will pass on the message of: (1) the power of a democracy, (2) the meaning of having the blessings of living in a place with free elections, (3) how to congratulate the winner, and (4) how to be a gracious winner. These are some of the lessons we try to work on everyday at IDS through Student Council, sports competitions, roles in plays, academic competitions, and so much more. Learning the choreography of both cooperation and competition are life long learning opportunities. Good luck to all next week. We know who we want...)

### IDS CURRENT EVENTS

**DRAMA:** It is reported that laughter leads to a healthier life. The drama department succeeded in bringing laughter to IDS during the Third Grade play and the Seventh Grade play. Parents and students laughed loudly as the third graders delivered their lines brilliantly and charmed the audience in *Jack and the Three Sillies*. This week, the Seventh Graders combined mystery, humor and fun in their play *Mystery on 13<sup>th</sup> Street*. Their three performances gave everyone a chance to perfect their stage and speaking skills. The audience loved it. We saw all three performances and could have seen it again and again.

Many thanks to Mr. T and Mrs. Watson for their outstanding direction. A special thanks to the PFA Drama Committee for the hours they devoted to making everything from scenery to costumes so special for our students. The PFA Drama Committee includes: Abigail Miller, Debbie Nouss, Gina Shannon, Kathy Baruch, Kim Karpodinis, Patti Montefusco, and the wonderful third and seventh grade parent helpers and supporters.

**FALL FESTIVAL: PFA ROOM PARENT COORDINATORS** deserve a huge standing ovation from the entire IDS family. What an amazing day for this school! The weather was perfect. The **FUN RUN** supported by the Boosters and Middle School Student Council *ran* like clockwork. The organization was impressive. Look at next week's *Heads' Letter* for those students and adults who had the best times. The Fall Festival following the Fun Run was filled with smiles. So many people commented that this is one of their favorite days. It was a real old fashioned family day with terrific booths, great food donated by the Hoff family and Sonny's barbecue, and so many willing and dedicated parent volunteers. Thanks for a great day! Together we make this school a very special place that we all deserve!

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**HEADMASTER OF THE DAY, ALEX LECK** (a second grade Top Banana) had the privilege of introducing the 14 educators from Sochi, Russia to the entire assembly last Monday. He was so eloquent, poised and in command of the assembly, even with having to stop every two or three sentences to allow for translation in Russian by our Russian translator. It was an international experience for all of us. Our visitors were here last Sunday and Monday. They return Friday for their last all day session. So what did they think of IDS and our students? You can bet that they felt the joy in learning everywhere! Next week, we will give you all the information about their visit. They return to Sochi on the Black Sea on Sunday.

## Ten Reasons To Give To Annual Giving Before November 8th

10. Your child's tuition covers 79% of the actual costs of their education for 1 year.
9. Annual Giving is 100% tax-deductible. Tuition is non tax-deductible.
8. IDS must rely on your contribution to Annual Giving to make up the difference between the actual cost of an IDS-CC education for 1 year and the amount charged for tuition.
7. These funds directly benefit all current IDS students.
6. Please consider making your gift or pledge now. Save your Board of Trustees the time it takes to call you and ask for your gift or pledge.
5. Annual Giving. It's the rest of your child's tuition. And it's 100% tax-deductible.
4. Consider your fair share or more, if you are able.
3. Pledge now, pay by March 1, 2005.
2. Mail or turn in your gift or pledge to the IDS-CC office.
1. Make this a spectacular year for every IDS-CC student, including yours!

## ANNUAL GIVING PHONATHON MESSAGE!

On Monday and Tuesday, November 8 and 9, the **ANNUAL GIVING PHONATHON** takes place. Board members spend the evening calling each family looking for 100% participation in Annual Giving. This annual request covers many unbudgeted big ticket items as they emerge, allowing us to keep IDS on the cutting edge and the school looking beautiful!

Please remember that for independent schools, Annual Giving traditionally bridges the gap between tuition and actual costs to educate our students. Also remember to pledge early to support our Board members' efforts and appreciate their limited time.

**After School Activities (Session 2)**  
begin **Monday, November 8**  
See insert for information and registration forms  
**Activities fill up quickly - SIGN UP NOW!**

# PFA NEWS

## SQUARE 1 ART! PLACE YOUR ORDER BY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (Grades Pre-K through 5th grade only)

Create memories that will last a lifetime by having your child's beautiful artwork printed on a variety of different items. These items are great to buy for your child or to give as gifts (all items ordered will be back at IDS by December 3rd)!! So, get your holiday shopping done and raise funds for IDS at the same time!



Everyone in grades Pre-K through 5th grade should have received a packet regarding the Square 1 Art fundraiser. The following items should have been in the packet: a color brochure of the available items, a price list, an order form, and a magnet with your child's artwork printed on it. Please make sure that the number on the order form matches the number on the magnet and ask your child if this is their artwork. We found that the company had several magnets glued to the incorrect order form (especially in third and fifth grades, so please verify this information).

**All Square 1 Art orders are due THIS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2!** Any orders handed in after that date will not be able to be processed, so complete your form TODAY!!

If you are missing anything or have any questions, please call me ASAP!! Thanks! Jenny Stiles, Square 1 Art Coordinator, (813) 265-3514

## 10TH ANNUAL IDS KIDS CLASSIC GOLF BENEFIT MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15



See insert for how EVERYONE can be involved in a great event. The prizes, dinner and friendship are all available for both golfers and the rest of us. Read about the prizes – they are incredible! Be sure to read your insert and go WOW!

## SCRIP, SCRIP, SCRIP

We have made **\$1150 profit** (approximately 8% on \$15,000 in purchases of Scrip). Thanks to all of you who think of IDS when you shop!

SCRIP is now available for purchase at all Monday Morning Assemblies outside of Corbett Hall from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. To facilitate ordering, complete the enclosed order form and send it in. You may also e-mail your Scrip order to Celeste Ross at [cross@idsyes.com](mailto:cross@idsyes.com) or give her a quick call at (813) 961-3087 Ext. 303.

Remember: Scrip is a GREAT GIFT IDEA for holiday gift giving. It will also come in handy for the IDS ANNUAL FALL BOOK FAIR that begins on Sunday, November 14. Place your orders now for Scrip, so that your child can take convenient gift cards rather than cash.

## IDSer Soars!

**Devon Diaz**, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade IDS student, participated in his first National Martial Arts competition in Tae Kwon Do Forms this past weekend at Walt Disney World. He placed in the top 10 out of 30 competitors. Way to go Devon!



# REFLECTIONS

## PROFESSIONAL CONCERT SERIES THIS SUNDAY



IT'S OUR TREAT! Everyone who attends the Reflections concert this **Sunday, October 31 at 3:00 p.m.** will receive a FREE meal. Families that celebrate Halloween will easily be able to fit in both the concert and trick-or-treating afterward. The concert begins at 3:00 p.m., and will end with a costume parade for all the youngsters. Meals (including a hot dog, chips, an apple, and a bottle of water) will be available following the concert. You can eat at the IDS pavilion or take it home with you. Concert tickets can be purchased at the door.

Remember to set your watch an hour back before bedtime Saturday. This will help you be on time to the concert – Sunday, at 3:00 p.m.

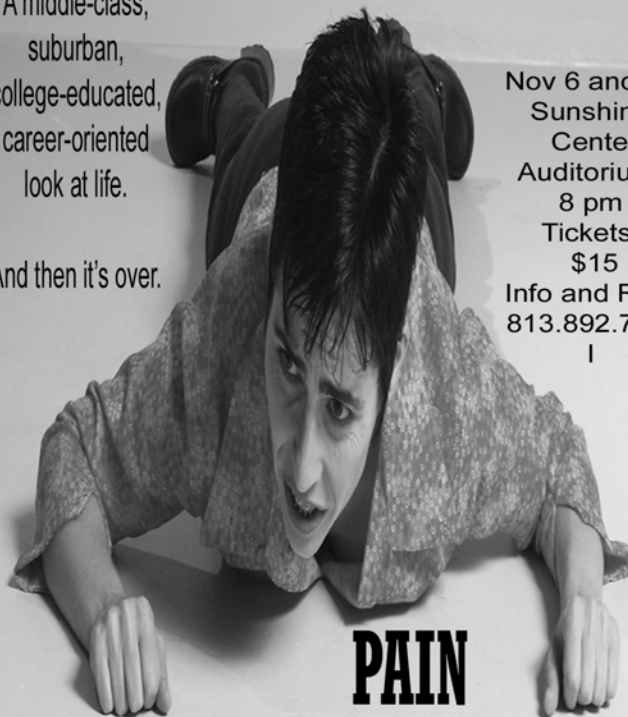
## IDS TEACHERS LEAD SUMMER TRIPS TO SPAIN AND ITALY

Next week's Heads' Letter will apprise you of a summer opportunity to travel abroad with your children. Mrs. Boza will be leading a trip to ITALY. Señoras Figueruelo and Jennings will be leading a trip to SPAIN – ¡Olé! Be sure to look for the upcoming information.

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